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1. SUMMARY: MAIN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT JULY 10 MEETING WAS NUMBERS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AND DURATION OF OSI. BEZUMOV (USSR) CRITICIZED US DEL PROPOSAL OF 30 DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AND 30-DAY INSPECTION PERIOD AND COUNTER-PROPOSED 15 PERSONS FOR 20-DAY PERIOD. HECKROTTE (US) POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE TO BOTH SIDES THAT OSI BE OBJECTIVE AND THOROUGH -- US-PROPOSED NUMBERS WOULD BE OPTIMUM FOR SUCH OSI. BEZUMOV DECLINED TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF OTHER ISSUES BUT EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE TO SOVIETS OF HOST SUPPLYING CAMERAS AND TAKING AND PROCESSING ALL PHOTOS. END SUMMARY.

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2. BEZUMOV SAID THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT ON THE BASIC APPROACH TO OSI. SOVIET DEL SHARED THE US VIEW THAT OSI SHOULD INCLUDE A RADIATION SURVEY AND A SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE OF ENGINEERING ACTIVITY, AND THAT THE PURPOSE SHOULD BE TO DISCOVER WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAD BEEN A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET DEL BELIEVED THE US-PROPOSED NUMBERS OF 30 DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AND A

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30-DAY INSPECTION PERIOD WERE EXCESSIVE. THEY WOULD REPRESENT A WASTE OF RESOURCES AND UNDUE BURDEN FOR THE HOST COUNTRY. BY COMBINING SOME TASKS AND ORGANIZING THE WORK EFFECTIVELY, AND WITH MAXIMUM HELP BY THE HOST COUNTRY, AN OSI COULD BE CARRIED OUT BY FEWER PERSONNEL IN LESS TIME. THE SOVIET DEL ACCORDINGLY PROPOSED 15 PERSONNEL AND A 20-DAY LIMIT ON THE INSPECTION PERIOD.
3. ACCORDING TO BEZUMOV, 15 PERSONNEL WOULD ALLOW THREE TEAM LEADERS OR MANAGERS, 6 PEOPLE FOR VISUAL AND RADIATION SURVEYS, 2 TO TAKE SAMPLES, 2 FOR METAL DETECTORS, 1 MAINTENANCE MAN AND 1 INTERPRETER. PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDICAL SERVICES WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY HOST PARTY.

4. HECKROTTE (US) POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE IN MUTUAL INTEREST TO HAVE OBJECTIVE AND THOROUGH OSI. PROPOSAL OF 30 PERSONNEL FOR 30 DAYS REPRESENTED OPTIMUM BASIS FOR OSI IN US DEL'S VIEW.

5. BEZUMOV SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES OF ANNEX, INCLUDING DIFFERENCES OVER PHOTO PROCEDURES, AT A LATER MEETING. RE PHOTOS, HE SAID THE SOVIETS ATTACHED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THEIR PROPOSAL FOR HOST PARTY TO SUPPLY CAMERAS AND TAKE AND PROCESS ALL PHOTOS. THE PROVISIONS OF THE PNE TREATY (WHEREBY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SUPPLY CAMERAS) COULD NOT BE APPLIED BLINDLY TO OSI. PHOTOS UNDER PNET WERE LIMITED TO SPECIFIC SITES
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AND SUBJECTS. THESE LIMITATIONS WOULD NOT APPLY TO PHOTOS FOR OSI AND THEREFORE DIFFERENT PROCEDURES ARE NECESSARY. JOHNSON

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